

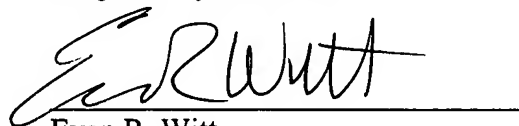
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In this paper, paragraphs [0006], [0019], and [0041] of the specification and claims 10, 12 and 14 were amended. The claims were amended to correct the informalities identified in item 4 of the Office Action. The specification was amended to correct typographical errors and to address the objection to the drawings, discussed below.

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they did not show every feature of the invention specified in claims 16 and 17. The description associated with the features of claims 16 and 17 in Paragraph [0041] of the specification has been amended to address this objection. Accordingly, the features of "a slew-rate adjusting element electrically connected to said test signal generator and said discriminator" and "said slew-rate adjusting element is incorporated into said output buffer" are now shown in Fig. 4 with the numeral reference "112" that indicates the slew-rate adjustable output buffer serving as both slew-rate adjusting element and output buffer.

According to the Office Action, the application is in condition for allowance except for the informalities noted in the drawings and claims. Because these informalities have now been corrected, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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